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FOR RICHARD MARTIN, FSE

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SUBJECT: IEA: ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL TDY SECRETARY FOR
EMERGENCY SYSTEMS TEST

1. FIRST CYCLE OF TEST COMPLETED TODAY EXCEPT FOR
INTERVAL APPRAISAL WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL
BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. COMPLETE RECORDS ARE BEING KEPT
AS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, U.S. GOVERNMENT REPS AT TEST
BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL THAT ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME
SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

2. DESPITE EXCELLENT WORK BY SECRETARY PRESENTLY
ASSIGNED (EILEEN QUINN), TYPING LOAD GENERATED BY
REQUIREMENT TO KEEP COMPLETE RECORDS HAS RESULTED IN
TWO-DAY BACKLOG AT ANY GIVEN TIME, WITH ONLY ONE
PACKET OF RECORD MATERIAL SENT BACK TO WASHINGTON SO
FAR. THIS HAS POTENTIAL POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
INASMUCH AS CONGRESS REQUIRES FULL REPORTING DURING
SYSTEMS TEST. PRESENT SECRETARY PUT IN 15 HOURS
OVERTIME THIS PAST WEEK, TYPING VIRTUALLY NON-STOP.
ALL LOGGING AND FILING OF CABLES (APPROXIMATELY 11
HOURS THIS WEEK) WAS DONE BY U.S. OFFICERS.

3. FOR ABOVE REASONS, USG REPS REQUEST WASHINGTON
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ARRANGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SECRETARY ASAP. REPLACEMENT

FOR EILEEN QUINN, WHO DEPARTS NOVEMBER 1, ALSO WILL BE
NEEDED. REPLACEMENT MUST BE AVAILABLE AT LEAST TWO
DAYS PRIOR TO QUINN DEPARTURE DATE IN ORDER TO BE
TRAINED IN PROCEDURES.
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